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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 174

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 13, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Absentee Voting.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Young R Michael

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Absentee Voting ID-* The bill requires a voter casting an absentee ballot to provide information concerning the voter's identification before the absentee ballot is counted. The bill specifies that: (1) the voter must provide a description of and the identification number for the proof of identification the voter would submit if the voter were voting in person; or (2) if the voter does not provide a description of the proof of identification or the proof of identification does not have an identification number, the voter must provide the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number.

Provisional Ballot- It provides that if an absentee voter does not provide information concerning a voter's identification, the absentee ballot is treated as a provisional ballot.

Repealer- The bill repeals a provision that exempts an absentee voter from providing proof of identification.

Effective Date: January 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Absentee Voting ID-* The Election Commission would have to revise the current absentee ballot application form to include an option for the applicant to provide the last four digits of their Social Security number. This provision would minimally impact the expenditures of the Commission.

Background- The Indiana Election Division reverted \$21,218 to the General Fund at the end of FY 2007. The Election Division had printing costs of about \$6,900 in FY 2007. The Division had two vacancies worth \$88,000 in salary as of November 2007.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Provisional Ballot-* County election boards would have to revise absentee ballot notice instructions to include the requirement of presenting the last four digits of the voter's Social Security code to insure the ballot is counted as an absentee ballot and not as a provisional ballot. County election boards would require minimal additional expenditure to revise notices to include the above information.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Election Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Information Sources:

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